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In re Application of:

Frutschi et al.

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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
STARTING UP EMISSION-FREE GAS-
TURBINE POWER STATIONS

Art Unit: [to be assigned]

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- ☐ 12. Other: _____.

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OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Publisher, etc.)

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	PCT Search Report for PCT/IB02/04006
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	PCT International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/IB02/04006

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